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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

The Applicant submits this preliminary amendment in furtherance of his application under 35 U.S.C. 371 upon issuance of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability in the above-referenced international application. The Applicant's national stage forms and fees are also enclosed herein.

## **AMENDMENT**

Please amend the description of the international application as follows:

On page 7, line 9, add the following paragraph: FIGURE 18 shows an oblique rear view of an alternative embodiment of the apparatus, bearing angled lips along each lateral flange and